

# Quote

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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, on Geneva Conference: "Success may be long in coming . . . no setback, no obstacle to progress will ever deter this gov't and our people from the great effort to establish a just and durable peace."

. . . [2] W AVERELL HARRIMAN, Gov of N Y, at Chicago Democratic dinner, striking indirectly at Stevenson policy of "moderation": "There is no such word as 'moderate' in the Democratic party. Are we 'moderately' for the farmer? Are we 'moderately' for the small business man? No, we are for them all the way." . . . [3] JAS HAGERTY, White House Press Sec'y, commenting on Stevenson Chicago speech: "He probably had to say something for \$100-a-plate." . . .

[4] Dr WALTER ALVAREZ, Mayo Clinic Consultant, commenting on Pres Eisenhower's "good recovery": "Still I would fear for him if next yr he were to go out to campaign and make several speeches every wk. A campaign . . . must put a terrible strain even on a young

### Quote of the Week

Prime Minister JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, of India, to visiting Soviet leaders: "India is in no camp and no military alliance. The only camp we should like to be in is the camp of peace and good will, which should include as many countries as possible, and which should be opposed by none."

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and healthy man." . . . [5] ROGER A FREEMAN, spokesman for American Enterprise Ass'n, opposing fed'l aid to education and asserting states can meet their obligations: "The present rate of school bldg construction is more than sufficient to take care of the enrollment increase." . . . [6] HERBERT BROWNELL, Jr, U S Att'y Gen'l addressing Phila industrial exec's on gov't anti-trust policies: "Mr Chairman and distinguished guests—including those few of you we are not suing—yet."

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Adlai Stevenson, the "unwanted" Democratic candidate, may turn out to be the nominee largely because policy-shaping strategists in the party "don't want" him less than they "don't want" other available candidates.

The most frequently encountered objection to Stevenson is that he is "damaged goods." Politicians say his usefulness was impaired by failure in the '52 campaign. This is a convenient hedge for those who fail to "warm up" to the candidate and would like to side-track him. Actually, it doesn't have much validity in our political history. Thos Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Wm Henry Harrison all achieved the Presidency after one defeat at the polls. Grover Cleveland, elected in 1884, was defeated by Benj Harrison 4 yrs later, and in 1892 ret'd to defeat Harrison.

Stevenson's greatest liability at the moment would appear to be the lukewarm attitude of Harry Truman, who forced his nomination in '52. A statement by Tru-

man at the Chicago clambake may be significant. Calling for a slam-bang "progressive" campaign, the ex-President asserted that unless Democrats take a strong lead in liberalism "the party is dead—and I will help bury it." Some read here an implied refusal to accept and campaign for the "moderate" policies advocated by Stevenson.

State primaries, beginning with New Hampshire, Mar 13, should be watched. Primary strength doesn't necessarily assure nomination (as Kefauver learned in '52) but if Kefauver and Stevenson are anywhere entered in a clear contest (as they may be in Minnesota, Mar 20) victory by the Tenn senator would be a stunning blow to Stevenson prestige.

The primaries also may provide a means of "smoking out" Eisenhower's intentions, if he does not declare himself earlier. In New Hampshire a candidate's name may be entered without his consent—but he has 10 days after filing deadline to request withdrawal. If the President's name is entered by Feb 3—and he does not demand that it be taken off the ballot by Feb 13—the strong inference will be that he is "available." This would be a "clear-the-road" signal for all Republican hopefuls.



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"He who never quotes, is never quoted"  
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*Charles Hutton of Jergason*



#### AGE—1

In Gottingen they were talking about Einstein's death. "After all, he did get quite old," I remarked.

"Yes," admitted one of the profs and looked thoughtful, "but only relatively." — *Revue*, Munich (QUOTE translation).

#### AMERICA—2

We Americans seem to have an excess of everything except parking space and religion. — *Doylestown* (Pa) *Intelligencer*.

#### AUTOMATION—3

There are those who fear that the rapid rise of automation will lead to widespread technological unemployment. But careful analysis shows that there will actually be more opportunities for employment. The kinds of jobs will change, but not the total number, and the productivity per worker will rise rapidly. — C C FURNAS, Chancellor of Univ of Buffalo, "Imperatives for Survival," *Think*, 11-'55.

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We must have machines that will reduce the muscle content in factories, on the farms, in the mining, steel, and construction industries. And we must find the men and women capable of designing, m'fg and operating as well as servicing these more complicated machines. This means simply one thing—we need a higher level of education.—Dr BAKER, Gen'l Electric Co, *Industrial Arts & Vocational Education*.

#### CHILDREN—4

The golden age of parenthood

Is when the children are  
Too old for baby-sitters, but  
Too young to drive the car.

—ED MACK, *Town Jnl*.

#### CHRISTMAS—5

It is curious how Christmas gets in the blood. A man may be as poor as a church mouse, he may live in gloomy, depressing surroundings, and yet at this time of the yr, a cheery word or a gay gesture may put him in such a happy mood that this particular season will live forever in his memory.—VINCENT EDWARDS.

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Two-thirds of the people of the earth had no Christmas this yr, because they knew nothing about it. Altho the Christian church has celebrated Christmas for more than 1,800 yrs—observance beginning in the 2nd century—there still remain vast areas where not even the name of the Christ Child has yet penetrated. More than one billion people have never heard the Christmas story.—*Community Tidings*, Community Church of the Pelhams, N Y.

#### COST-OF-LIVING—6

While it may be difficult for a rich man to enter heaven, it's also very difficult these days for a poor man just to remain on earth.—H G HUTCHESON, *Providence Jnl Bulletin*.

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It may relieve some taxpayers to know that altho the nat'l debt keeps getting bigger, it is costing less in manpower and paperwork to keep books on it. Treasury Dep't's Bureau of Public Debt has reduced employes from 12,000 to 3,000 over 10 yrs; hopes for further reduction when new electronic machines are delivered. Debt as of Sept 15, was \$279,236,412,220.89. Interest charges vary with size of debt. Currently cost is about \$6.3 billion annually.

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Washington Post & Times Herald columnist Bill Gold rep'ts on a new drink: 2 parts Pepsi-Cola, one part Energine. "It not only hits the spot," explains Gold, "but wipes it out!"

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With Congress out of session and not as much for tourists to see on Capitol tours, guides have obtained permission to show the historic Vice President's office just outside the Senate chamber. The ornate desk there, originally used by Pres McKinley and later assigned to the Vice President, has but one scratch — made by Vice Pres Alben Barkley when he once bore down too hard with his pen while signing his name. The scratch amuses the present Vice Pres, Richard M Nixon, who wouldn't think of permitting anyone to attempt to remove it.

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## EDUCATION—7

We seem to have become pre-occupied in education with a great body of knowledge as an end rather than as a means. Cluttering up the mind with great masses of factual information may be a poor substitute for knowing where to find such facts when they are needed. We seem unable to separate fundamentals which *must* be taught from areas of knowledge which need only to be indicated.—SAM'L B GOULD, pres, Antioch College, "Breaking the Thought Barrier," *Antioch Notes*, 10-'55.

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Mt Holyoke college in 1837 enforced the following rule: "No young lady shall become a mbr of Mt Holyoke Seminary who cannot kindle a fire, wash potatoes, repeat the multiplication table and at least two-thirds of the shorter catechism."—*Minneapolis Jnl of Education*.

## FAMILY LIFE—8

There is nothing teenagers enjoy more than being left alone while their parents are attending juvenile delinquency mtgs. — DAN KIDNEY, *Scripps-Howard Newspapers*.

## GOD—and Man—9

Until youth learns to know, respect and obey the teachings of Almighty God, we can never expect them to obey civil law or the laws of soc'y.—J EDGAR HOOVER, director, Fed'l Bureau of Investigation, quoted in *Vital Speeches*.

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The wisdom of the ages is to find out which way God is moving and to move with Him.—Rev CECIL ELLIS, *Christian Advocate*.

# Mining the Magazines



The 1st issue of *The National Review* ("a wkly jnl of conservative opinion") was on newsstands last wk. Editor & Publisher is Wm F Buckley, Jr, author of *God & Man at Yale*, and more recently (with L Brent Bozell) *McCarthy & His Friends*. The magazine, he says "stands athwart history, yelling 'Stop!' at a time when no one is inclined to do so, or to have much patience with those who urge it." Other editors: Jas Burnham, author of *The Web of Subversion* and Suzanne LaFollette, former managing editor of *The Freeman*. Current issue contains articles by Sen Wm F Knowland and Morrie Ryskind, playwright. Address: 237 E 37th St, N Y C.

Within the fortnight, two nettled organizations employed interesting diverse tactics in dealing with nationally-circulated magazines. Director of Recreation for the State of Maine cancelled the state's advertising schedule in *Harper's*, in retaliation for some derogatory comment by Bernard DeVoto, a dep't editor of the magazine. On the other hand, Fund for the Republic (an independent offspring of Ford Foundation) is seeking to buy an advertising page in *American Legion Magazine*, to present its story to Legion mbrs. Ad will contend that Legion was "misinformed" in criticizing the Fund on communism. Legion will run an editorial page, same issue,

A gentleman is a man who doesn't use curves in the air to describe Lollobrigida.—MAURICE CHEVALIER, quoted in *Weltbild*, Munich (QUOTE translation).

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justifying stand; is holding Fund check for space (\$5,700) while checking to determine "whether an eleemosynary organization may properly spend money in this way."

A recent article in *Fortune* dealing with "The Vice-President Problem" concerns commerce rather than politics; reveals the rather startling fact that one ad agency has 84 vice-presidents, another 74. Article quotes v-p's at considerable length on what the title means to them—more security, more authority, more prestige with outside groups, etc. But our favorite comment on this point goes back 30 yrs. When Clarence Francis was made a v-p of Gen'l Foods, someone asked as to the prerogatives of the office. Said Francis: "So far it merely gives me a key to the private men's room."

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## HATE—10

Oscar Hammerstein II, lyricist in the famed Rogers-Hammerstein team (when interviewed on our "Person to Person" program), was asked about the line in one of his songs, "You have to be taught to hate," in *South Pacific*.

Mr Hammerstein told us: "I think probably the worst thing parents ever do to children is to teach them to hate, to teach them prejudice. You wouldn't ever find a parent willing to give poison that would make his child physically sick. But teaching a child to hate, teaching him to have prejudices, makes him mentally sick and he can stay mentally sick all his life."—EDW R MURROW, "Are Celebrities Human?" *This Wk*, 11-6-'55.

## HUMILITY—11

True humility does not grovel; it is royal and its possessors have mastered some of the forces that determine true character. They have learned self-control, one of the great lessons in life.—VELMA N SIMONSEN, *Relief Soc'y Mag*.

## IDEALS—12

We see facts with our eyes; we see ideas with our minds; we see ideals with our souls. Whatever we see with our souls is real and permanent and cannot be destroyed.—GLENN CLARK, *New Outlook*.

## IDEAS—13

Ideas are very much like children—your own are wonderful.—*Sunshine Mag*.

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## The Gospel According to Malenkov

The Christmas story is so universally moving that even the communists try to make use of it. Of course, they have their own version. Here's what the school children of once-Catholic Hungary are being taught according to a refugee who recently escaped to the West.

"Once there was a poor married couple who had nowhere to stay. They asked the rich people for help, but the rich people sent them away. Their baby was born in a stable. They covered him with rags and laid him in a manger. Some shepherds, who had come from Russia, brought the baby some gifts.

"The shepherds told Joseph, the unemployed worker who was father of the baby, that in Russia poverty and misery are unknown. Joseph asked them how they had found the stable. They repl'd that a red star had guided them.

"Then the shepherds gave the little family furs to keep them warm, and all set out on the road to the Soviet paradise."—*Reuters News Service*. 14

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## MAN—15

Man has confounded scientific analysis, including the Freudian, because he is demonstrably greater than the sum of his parts.—ROBT E SHERWOOD, *Science Digest*.

## MARRIED LIFE—16

You have no secret from your wife, sir? Then you have no wife, or no secret.—OREN ARNOLD, *Kiwanis Magazine*.

## PEACE—17

Nations have no existence apart from their people. If every person in the world loved peace, every nation would love peace. If all men refused to fight one another, nations could not fight one another.—J SHERMAN WALLACE, *Think*.

## PRODUCTION—18

Production of goods and services is today roughly about eight times as much per hr worked as it was in 1850 and probably more than fifteen times as much as it was at the time of the war of 1812.—*Nation's Business*.

## RACE RELATIONS—19

America . . . has travelled fast—er, accomplished more in correcting the inequalities of her racial minorities than has any other country in the world.—Editorial, *Ebony*.

## RUSSIA—Psychology—20

The Russians hate to make a firm offer. Their tactics in negotiations are to lean back and say "No" until their opponent's patience is all but exhausted and he is willing to make concessions. They are never anxious to put their cards on the table and seldom regard the opponent's offer as honest and never as his last.—KARL GRUBER, *Between Liberation and Liberty* (Praeger).

## SCIENCE—21

If this nation is to remain secure and great, schools must have good science programs, good science teachers and good scientists. This is our common task and the important task of the next decade.—DONALD G DECKER, Colorado State College of Education, *Physics Today*.

## QUOTE For Christmas

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## SELF—Analysis—22

The hardest thing of all is left—the conquest not of time and space, but of ourselves, of our stupidity and inertia, of our greediness and touchiness, of our fear and intolerant dogmatism.—EMILY GREEN BALCH, quoted in *Houston Times*.

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### Forefathers Day

*A visit to Holland and England this yr by Mayflower descendants following their Pilgrim ancestors' route typifies the awakened nat'l interest in the 1st New England-ers. For hundreds of yrs after the Plymouth landing 335 yrs ago (Dec 21, 1620), the historic occasion was ignored; Massachusetts finally proclaimed it Forefathers Day in 1895. For helping us realize the great religious heritage of Plymouth, much credit must go to Felicia Hemans' familiar Pilgrim poem, from which we quote these lines:*

The breaking waves dashed high  
On a stern and rock-bound coast,  
And the woods against a stormy  
sky  
Their giant branches tossed;

And the heavy night hung dark  
The hills and waters o'er  
When a band of exiles moored  
their bark  
On the wild New England shore.

... What sought they thus afar?  
Bright jewels of the mine?  
The wealth of seas, the spoils of  
war?—  
They sought a faith's pure shrine!

Ay, call it holy ground,  
The soil where first they trod;  
They have left unstained what  
there they found—  
Freedom to worship God.

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### SERVICE—to Others—23

A celebrated movie star visited a leper colony, then commented to a nurse, "How I admire you, nurse, for doing this. I wouldn't do it for a million dollars!"

Repl'd the nurse, "I wouldn't either." — *Paris Match*, France (QUOTE translation).

Only when we enjoy doing the good deed, does our deed do much good. If a friend, who comes to stay with us in our illness, drops a hint of the pleasure he is foregoing elsewhere, he spoils the flavor of his visit. If the teacher does not enjoy her work with children, she is not likely to inspire her pupils. It is radiant goodness which gives the contagious glow.—RALPH SOCKMAN, *Gen'l Features Syndicate*.

### SIN—24

Sin as a caterpillar is dangerous, but sin as a butterfly is a thousand times worse. If sin in its ugliest form is dangerous, who can know its unmeasured power and influence when it puts on robes of beauty!—*Megiddo Message*.

### SMILES—25

A smile is something that adds to your face value. — *The Green Light*.

### TEACHERS—Teaching—26

Every age has had its own art, the art which best expressed its aspirations. The art of the next century or so may be the art of teaching. . . . To mold human beings into their finest possibilities involves the same epic struggle to create beauty and harmony out of stubborn mat'l limitations which is the foundation of all great art.—DOROTHY CANFIELD FISHER, *New Outlook*.



# Pathways to the Past



Week of  
Dec 18-24

**Dec 18**—120th anniv (1835) of b of Lyman Abbott, liberal Protestant leader, long editor of leading Christian wkly, *Outlook*. . . The 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery, was proclaimed in effect 90 yrs ago (1865) after its 27th ratification.

**Dec 19**—Philadelphia laymen organized the Protestant Sunday School Movement in the U S, 1st large-scale church school program, 165 yrs ago (1790). . . Now a juicy plum, state road-building appropriations began modestly 160 yrs ago (1795); 1st specific grant was Ky's \$2,000 for a Cumberland Gap road extension. . . 90th anniv (1865) of b of Minnie Maddern Fiske (d 1932), stage "great" of Broadway's gilded era, still-remembered for Becky Sharp role. . . Rayon was 1st produced commercially 45 yrs ago (1910).

**Dec 20** — Proceedings began 85 yrs ago (1870) against 1st governor successfully impeached, W W Holden of N Carolina. . . Yankees got a break when Britain divided her attention 175 yrs ago (1780), declaring war on the Netherlands. . . Missouri levied the country's 1st bachelor tax 135 yrs ago (1820). . . America's greatest internal struggle began 95 yrs ago (1860) when a S Carolina convention voted 169-0 to secede from the Union. . . N Y C's Broadway got its "Great White Way" label 75 yrs ago (1880) when 12 blocks were 1st lit up electrically.

**Dec 21**—*Forefathers Day*. . . The *Mayflower* Pilgrims landed at Plymouth 335 yrs ago (1620), founding 1st N England settlement. . . 95th anniv (1860) of b of famed U S Jewish worker Henrietta Szold, founder of nat'l women's group, Hadassah. . . After surviving daring War II career, Gen Geo ("Blood and Guts") Patton d 10 yrs ago (1945) in an auto accident in Germany.

**Dec 22**—*Winter Begins*. . . On the very day Britain's Parliament forbade trade with upstart Americans 180 yrs ago (1775), the upstarts here named Esek Hopkins 1st commdr-in-chief of the Navy (7 ships).

**Dec 23**—210th anniv (1745) of b of all-round statesman John Jay (he served as for'gn minister, Sec'y of State, Supreme Ct Chief Justice, etc). . . Founder of the Church of Latter-Day Saints and source of its Book of Mormon, prophet Jos Smith was b 150 yrs ago (1805).

**Dec 24**—*Christmas Eve*. . . Dr Benj Rush, prominent early patriot and Declaration of Independence signer, was b 210 yrs ago (1745). . . Enrico Caruso, never-surpassed operatic tenor, sang his last role at N Y C's Metropolitan Opera 35 yrs ago (1920); died in his native Italy in 1921.

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## "Of all things!"

Now that dept stores are renovating Santa Claus suits and getting ready for the holiday season, a brief review of the toy situation may be in order. Statisticians have figured out that last yr an average family spent \$28 for toys—the contributions of doting aunts, uncles and grandparents. Most of this money went into Christmas trinkets.

This yr the sum may be more. Prices are a little higher. And there are many tempting new items to buy. Some are really fantastic, both as to performance and price. Example: a toy kitchen at \$167.50. Or you can get a play house for tiny tots at a mere \$192. A juvenile sports car, with its own miniature motor will set you back about twice that sum. For something cheaper in transportation, consider a genuine Mexican baby burro at \$85, plus shipping charges. Or you can purchase a mama burro, with infant, for the bargain price of \$175.

But of course there's always the chance that you may have the experience of a friend of ours. This fond father spent a small fortune on a recreation yard for his kids. It was really a small-scale amusement park, equipped with slides, swings and just about every known device for the delight of few-yr-olds. But shortly thereafter papa came home one evening to find his offspring playing across the street in an old apple tree!

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### Christmas Prayer

There are stars in the sky, as well as thunder and lightning.

There is goodwill in the hearts of men at Christmas-time.

There is a warm welcome for the neighbor; a deep desire for friendship between nations; a determination to achieve lasting peace.

Clouds scud along the horizon, sometimes building up to frightening thunderheads. Angry voices thunder without reason. And threats, like lightning, break and crash over the people's heads.

Yet, the eternal stars are there—stars of hope, of faith, of love—now dimmed or hidden by clouds, now breaking thru with clarity and brilliance and strength, that will not be denied.

May these stars be the guiding stars of the wise men of all nations. May they light the path to peace.

That is the Christmas prayer of the people.

—*Titmus Tidings*.

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### THOUGHT—28

We're not as familiar with reveries and meditation as we are with referees and agitation.—Rev DONALD H WALKER, *Christian Advocate*.

### WORK—29

The day's work, the most important thing in the world to most people, is changing its nature at the dictate of science. This, more than war, is the central theme of the drama today.—JAS T SHOTWELL, *Science Digest*.

## WORLD RELATIONS—30

The latter half of the 20th century will undoubtedly go down in history as that period of time when positive efforts were initiated to eliminate human misery in the world, when surveys of the world's resources were carried out in order to determine their relative adequacy for mtg the needs of the world's people, and when the findings of research and technical know-how touched the lives of untold millions triggering off the upward spiral for a higher standard of living. — LUELLA N DAMBAUGH, Univ of Miami, "Population and Food Resources," *Jnl of Geography*, 10-'55.

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We must be gardeners and not mechanics in our approach to world affairs. — GEO F KENNAN, *Realities of American Foreign Policy* (Princeton Univ Press).

## WORRY—31

In this psychology-conscious world today, the business of not worrying has been elevated into a nat'l cult. The magic word of our time is "relax". . . But the truth is there is a real danger in taking the tension out of life and leaving it limp.

We look at the mainspring of a watch, see it wound and tense, and say, "Loosen it, and let it go." But if we take away the tension, we take away the usefulness of the watch, and all we have left is an ingenious collection of junk.

People who have lost the tension out of their lives—the desire to make something of life—have become in a real sense, a useless collection of wasted human possibilities.—*Link*.

## In Brief

Pres Eisenhower's temporary sojourn in Gettysburg involves some very substantial changes in the small (pop 5,916) Pennsylvania community. Hotel Gettysburg, headquarters for news correspondents, is spending \$20,000 to remodel a sports auditorium into a large press center. Visitors to "the farm" will be channelled thru this center for interviews after seeing the President. Western Union will add 26 circuits (capacity of 2 million words daily) to its Gettysburg facilities. United Telephone Co will spend \$200,000 to improve transmission facilities.

Trend observers are beginning to wonder if "Do-it-Yourself" is losing steam. Attendance at Philadelphia show this yr was off 15 to 20% and some big exhibitors were absent. Last wk *Louisville Courier-Jnl* and *Times* dropped "Do-it-Yourself" pages, explaining that idea had "run its course."

Fresh Meadows, a 3,000-apt development in Queens, N Y, rep'ts a phenomenal non-use of hot water during period from 9:30 to 10 PM on Tuesday evenings. Solution: No one washes dishes or takes a bath while \$64,000 Question is on tv!

*Widescreen View of Our Turbulent Times:* A Sunday School teacher in Paterson, N J, asked pupils to draw pictures giving their impression of King David of Israel. Half-a-dozen of the youngsters promptly sketched David with a coonskin cap.

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# Good Stories.....

you can use

A husband decided that on his wife's birthday he'd surprise her with a new convertible Cadillac. He drove the car home and parked it in front of the house. He then went in and asked the little woman to come to the front door. When she appeared, the husband pointed proudly to the parked Cadillac and asked, "How do you like it, honey?" Whereupon the wife turned to him and said, "What's the matter, stupid, couldn't you answer the \$64,000 question?"—*Television Age*. a

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There's a Russian version of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in which Little Eva doesn't die and go to heaven—because the Russkies don't believe in heaven. Instead, she gets well and goes to work in a cement factory. —MIKE CONNOLLY, *Hollywood Reporter*. b

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David O Selznick, the producer, is one of those execs who write memos to staff mbrs at the slightest provocation. Recently one of his aides discovered that he had given Selznick an incorrect list of production schedules and had submitted an incomplete file on salaries paid. The aide held his throbbing head for a few minutes, groaned, then sat down to write a letter to his boss.

"Dear Mr Selznick," it began. "In reply to your memo of tomorrow . . ."—*American Salesman*. c

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## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

Sister MARY GILBERT

Tact is a prime requisite in dealing with church dignitaries, but a child's unpredictable answers may thwart the most carefully laid plans.

The children had been primed for the monsignor's visit, and Sister Rita smiled confidently when he asked, "Does anyone know what a monsignor is?"

"A monsignor," Judy began in precise phrases, "is someone who has done great things for God . . ."

She caught the pleased smile her questioner turned on the parish priest and felt encouraged to continue.

"And," she added, cheeks burning with excitement, "he's just a little bit ranker than a priest."

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The small rural church had its money woes; cash was scarcer than pickpockets in a nudist colony.

Came the regular monthly meeting of the board of deacons and there was some talk of giving the pastor a long-delayed raise in pay. However, when the idea was suggested, the preacher arose. "Brothers, I don't want you to raise my salary any more," he said. "I'm having too much trouble raising what you're already paying me."—JOE CREASON, *Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag*. d

# Wise Cracks

The mgr of one plush Las Vegas hotel learned from the house detective that one of the guests had been systematically removing the furnishings from his room and selling them for gambling money.

"I wonder where he's taking the stuff," said the mgr. "Follow him and don't let him get away."

Far from trying to get away, the culprit returned each night to his bare room, leaving it only to return to the gambling tables the next day.

The mgr finally proceeded to the offender's room. "I know you have stolen all the furniture and sold it," he told the man, "but what beats me is why you keep coming back to the hotel, now that there's nothing left to take."

"Well," cried the guest indignantly, "I may be a crook, but at least I'm loyal!" — E E KENYON, *American Wkly.* e

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His whisky was disappearing so quickly that he decided that his new housekeeper must be helping herself.

"Your predecessor was a most trustworthy woman," he began. "Now you see that bottle . . ."

"I hope you don't think I ever touch your whisky," she said. "I would have you know, sir, that I come from honest English parents."

"I'm not grumbling at your parents," he interrupted. "What worries me is your Scotch extraction." — *Tit-Bits*, London. f

A youngster is growing up when he finds out that the opinions of the dep't store Santa Claus do not necessarily reflect those of his parents.—DAN BENNETT.

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One of the reasons good-will is so appropriate at Christmas is because that's when it's needed most.—O A BATTISTA.

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Christmas gifts are divided into two classes—those you don't like and those you don't get.—FRANCES RODMAN.

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A considerate husband gives his wife her Christmas gift early enough to allow her to exchange it in time for Christmas.—AL M SCHAEFER.

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The only trouble with some Christmas parties is that too many people play Christmas tree—after they have been trimmed by tradesmen they stand in a corner and get all lit up.—Reading Mag, hm, Reading Ry.

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Santa enters thru a hole in the chimney and leaves thru a hole in your pocket.—Caterpillar News & Views, hm, Caterpillar Tractor Co.

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What I like about Christmas is that you can make people forget the past with the present.—DON MARQUIS.

.....Quote.....

It was evident that the pretty school teacher on the tv quiz was a very nervous contestant. The MC sought to relieve tension by remarking kindly, "This is just like school, and in school you know all the answers, don't you?"

"Well," replied the unconfident young woman, "in school I'm the one who asks the questions!"—*Wall St Jnl.* **g**

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Tommy was on an outing and fell into a small stream. "How in the world did you happen to fall in?" his mother asked him as he was being helped out.

"Well," explained Tommy, "I was looking at the water. Then I heard a 'kerplunk'—and it was me."—*Capper's Wkly.* **h**

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When the 1st-grade teacher during a science discussion asked for the names of the four seasons one little boy gave this answer: "Duck season, rabbit season, pheasant season and deer season."—*Nebraska Education News.* **i**

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In the good old days, when there were still mail coaches, the one in Upper Bavaria had "First, Second, or Third Class" written on it, although there was only one undivided space inside. When a stranger inquired as to the possibility for 3 classes, the difference was explained as follows: "This is a hilly country. First class passengers can remain inside; second class passengers walk next to the coach; third class passengers have to get out and push."—*Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (QUOTE translation). **j**

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Cooler weather reminds me. Bears are born with fur coats, yet choose to hibernate in the only season when a fur coat is, you should excuse the expression, bearable.—T HARRY THOMPSON, *Sales Mgt.* **k**

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An industrial relations director, as healthy and robust a man as ever pounded a collective bargaining table, was recently seen taking out a pill box during a hectic session with the union. With a flourish that would do justice to John Barrymore at his hammiest, he removed a capsule, called for a glass of water and slowly swallowed the spherule.

"What's the matter, Jim?" an associate asked.

"Healthy as ever," the exec said with a wink. "but whenever I want a little sympathy from the union committee, I just make out that our doctor has told me I must take care of myself. It's only a sugar capsule—but I don't get called so many names any more."—LAWRENCE STESSIN, *Forbes.* **l**

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Comedian Bob Cummings was leaving the tv studio after a day of shooting when a panhandler approached and asked for \$5.

"Five dollars?" asked Cummings. "Isn't that a lot?"

"Sure," admitted the bum, "but I'd like to get thru early tonight!"—*Milwaukee Jnl.* **m**

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"Why," asked the teacher, "did Aaron make a golden calf?"

Repl'd a bright little girl from the country: "Because he did not have gold enough to make a cow."—*Ottawa (Canada) Jnl.* **n**

At a banquet the speaker had finished a tiring ovation and one of the guests exhaled a puff of intense relief.

"I'm glad that bombastic wind-jammer is thru," he told the pretty woman beside him. "To me he's pusillanimous, and a premeditated and deliberate hypocrite."

"Would you mind saying that again?" smiled the lady. "I might some day have occasion to use the words on him. He's my husband."  
—United Mine Workers Jnl. o



#### Sobering Thought

*By putting an attached mask over the face and dropping a quarter in the slot, tipsy customers can be sobered up by an oxygen machine invented for use in taverns.—New item.*

Drop a quarter in the slot,  
You're certain to agree it  
Will help the tipsy gent a lot.

(That slot, though, can he see  
it?)

Now slip the mask upon the face,  
Adjust it with some thumbing.  
You must admit, when it's in  
place,

It really looks becoming.

It forms a very nice disguise,  
This mask of supple rubber.  
It hides the bleary, bloodshot eyes  
And covers up the blubber.

Draw deep upon the healthful  
stuff,

Breathe calmly, slow and steady,  
And have — if it's not quite  
enough—

Another quarter ready.

In our parish the Democrats are laughing at this story. Two nuns were waiting at a bus stop when a lady motorist pulled up in front of them.

"If you're going downtown, Sisters, won't you ride with me?" the woman asked.

"Thank you, we should like to," the nuns said, and climbed in the car.

"I have to make just one stop," the woman said as she pulled up in front of a big gray bldg. "I'll only be a minute. Would you care to come in with me?"

As the Sisters filed into the unemployment-assistance office behind the woman, they passed an Irishman standing in the doorway. "The saints be praised," he exclaimed. "Look at what the Republicans have done to the nuns."  
—ANDREW TULLY, *Catholic Digest*. p

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"Senator," a young supporter cried, "that speech was great! You certainly made yourself clear on the UN question."

"I did?" rejoined the startled Senator. "Gad, what a blunder!"—*Locomotive*, hm, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Ins Co. q

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Mrs Ivy Baker Priest, as Treasurer of the U S, told the story of her arrest for speeding in a small Western town last summer. Taken to court in the hamlet's fire station, she presented her driver's license. The judge turned to loungers around the fire engine and announced: "Boys, we really hit the jackpot this time." — *Indianapolis Times*. r

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## Quote-ettes

Viscount Field Marshal MONTGOMERY, British war hero, now visiting the U S: "Oh, yes, I shall be back—but not in '56. That is your election yr and anything I might say then would be wrong." 1-Q-t

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RAOUL DU BOIS, fashion designer: "It's about time women went back to clothes and manners that capitalize on feminine allure—no man ever said, 'Let's be pals' to a vamp." 2-Q-t

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Dr EDW H RYNEARSON, of Mayo Clinic: "The greatest single thing the American people can do for health is to stop eating so much." 3-Q-t

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SECOND CLASS MATTER

## News of the **NEW**

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Here are some slightly off-the-beaten-track gifts that may help you decide what to do for the inevitable extra-hard-to-buy-for people on your Christmas list.

The "do-it-yourself" couple with a new house to decorate or an apt to fix up might appreciate a room divider consisting of floor-to-ceiling shelf-maker poles. Black steel telescopic poles extend from 4'9" to 9'3", and are easy to install. Rubber-footed bottoms, rubber suction-cup tops avoid marring—a point in their favor if there's a chance of their being moved later. You can buy ready-to-paint hardwood plant holders (1.50 each) to

fasten on. Poles are \$3.98 each. DuBoff, 1150 Broadway, N Y C 1.

Older people who "have everything" are hard to find gifts for. How about an electrically warmed foam-rubber mattress pad? Slipped under sheet, it's said to maintain a constant temperature, make necessary only light cover, even on coldest nights. Dep't stores can help you on this one.

And the new mother might like a kit with instructions for capturing baby's 1st steps on 4 paper panels; transferred to walls, they are supposed to look better than baby's fingerprints—which will be there, too. Dep't stores or specialty shops have this.

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